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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following observations were made in Richthofen Kaserne in Doberitz between 15 and 20 June: 25X1
- The old units in Richthofen received only little theoretical training since the current classes had apparently completed their curriculum. The soldiers were mostly engaged in practical training, such as disassembly and assembly of truck motors in the barracks yard. Some platoons with a total of about 150 men daily marched to the airfield where they worked in the workshops south of Hamburger Chaussee. It appeared that the courses would soon be terminated. 25X1
- There were presumably 4 training courses. It was usually observed in a classroom that a duty roster bore four color markings in yellow, blue, green, and red, which presumably marked the individual courses. The total personnel strength of the training courses was estimated at 900 men. While the flying personnel, including about 50 new arrivals, mostly officers, were still quartered in the barracks installation, the technical section of the new unit with about 225 men has been quartered, since 9 June 1955, outside of Richthofen Kaserne, partially on the airfield and partially on the troop training grounds, south of Hamburger Chaussee where field training was going on. The flying personnel daily marched in small groups from the barracks installation to the field. They wore solid caps, a sort of swish helmet, leather or padded jackets, fur collars in cool weather, and map cases. 25X1

2. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Doberitz Airfield between 4 and 6 July 1955: 25X1
- 4 July. At about 1250, it was observed from [] Richthofen Kaserne [] 10 to 12 IL-10s [] parked in front of the empty revetments. The hangars on the southern edge of the field were closed. 25X1
- 5 July. No air activity was observed. 25X1
- 6 July. The Hopfenrade radio installation still belonged to Unit Voichenko and was directly subordinated to Lieutenant Colonel Krazavitski (Sov). The installation consisted of 2 steel masts, each about 15 meters high, braced by 3 guy wires and interconnected by an antenna. A radio truck was parked next to each mast. A large house tent, 1 wooden barrack, and 1 truck were parked near the radio installation and EM were seen nearby about. 25X1

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3. The following information was obtained on the air-force units in Doberitz: Colonel Vasilyev (fnu) was not observed in the installation at about 1630 on 4 July 1955. Captain Panfilov (fnu) was on furlough and Major Zhotkin (fnu) had taken his place at building No. 59. There was intensive activity by EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets in the housing area. The quarters were apparently occupied to full capacity. No changes had occurred in regard to accounting matters. Major Voichenko (fnu), who wore black-bordered blue epaulets, was seen in the headquarters building No. 86 at about 1010 on 5 July.

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No details could be obtained in regard to the quartering facilities of the unit. Captain Yakushev (fnu) was not present. he was again in Brandenburg.

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Lieutenant Colonel Krazavitski was the commanding officer of Unit R. A. Voichenko. Krazavitski has not yet been seen. Lieutenant Colonel Ivanov (fnu) was on furlough on 4 July and a major wearing black-bordered blue epaulets had taken his place at building No. 19. There was intensive activity in the heavily occupied housing area of Unit Ivanov. No changes were observed. Major Kraiyevod (fnu) and Major Bobrof (fnu) were seen in the workshops at 1250 on 4 July. Work was under way in the workshops and the sound of a piston engine was heard from the test stand. Fourteen gray-blue crates, each about 2.5 x 1.8 x 1.8 meters with reinforced corners and suspension loops, were observed southeast of building No. 5a at the spur track. The quartering buildings south of Herolds Platz still belonged to the workshops. No changes were observed at the army fuel dump in the northwestern corner of the field. No observations could be made in the previously reported 3 AA gun emplacements at the field. Lieutenant Colonel Besvershi (fnu) was observed in the former artillery equipment park in Doberitz at about 1050 on 4 July. Captain Mushnikh (fnu) was not present. All buildings were closed and no activity was observed in the entire area.³

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1. Comment. The training courses of the technical school in Doberitz had previously been terminated in fall. The assumption that at least some of the trainees would terminate the course before the proper time seems to be possible in connection with the arrival of new recruits.
2. Comment. According to previous information, a one-mast radio beacon was at the field.
3. Comment. No changes occurred with the air force units at Doberitz. The reported officers are known.

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